

Please find our suggested recommendations for the DEC Workgroup below.

1. DHS to create a standardized list of criteria to reassign cases from Family Assessment to Child Abuse Assessment. Include criteria for high risk marijuana related cases to be reassigned (Concentrates, edibles, marijuana grows, etc.)
2. DHS to issue formal policy clarification/practice guidance of workers ability to use "Confidential Access" (interview child at school) during a Family Assessment.
3. DHS to implement, track and evaluate enhanced DHS data measures regarding Differential Response discussed at Sept 22nd meeting, and additional data measures recommended by Blank Children's Hospital (see attached).
4. DHS to report enhanced data measures and recommendations in annual Differential Response report.
5. Create a formalized method in which DHS can engage with community stakeholders (judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, medical and mental health providers, etc.) on an annual or bi-annual basis to review child abuse data, examine trends in child abuse reporting, and make policy/practice recommendations.
6. Code changes to 232.2(p) and 232.68(2)(a)(7) to include meth, cocaine, heroin and synthetic drug allegations for children of any age to be assigned to the child abuse assessment pathway. See Jasper County DEC draft language.

Data Questions for DEC Workgroup

1. Allegations of which drug(s) are involved at intake?
2. Confirmation of which drug(s) are involved (by parent caregiver admission, court filings/conviction)
3. How many DEC cases are assigned to Family Assessment (FA) pathway? Child Abuse Assessment (CAA) pathway?
4. Pathway reassignment
 - Rate of current reassignment dependent upon the child's age
 - Rate of current reassignment dependent upon type of drug(s)
 - (Future) Rate of reassignment dependent upon UNCOPE screening results
5. # of repeat intakes assigned to FA pathway within 12 months from the original date of FA intake

6. # of CAA intakes with a prior FA intake within the last 12 months.
7. # of substantiated CAA with a prior FA intake within the last 12 months
8. Community Cares data
 - # of parents/caregivers who accepted referrals for substance abuse assessment or treatment services.
 - # of parents/caregivers who contacted substance abuse assessment or treatment services.
 - # of parents/caregivers who successfully completed substance abuse assessment or treatment services. (or # of parents/caregivers who completed a substance abuse assessment. 1 treatment session. 5 treatment sessions)
9. Child Health
 - # of DEC children to receive a physical exam under the FA pathway (Community Cares would need to track)
 - # of DEC children to receive a developmental assessment under the FA pathway (Community Cares)
 - # of DEC children to receive a drug screening under the FA pathway (Community Cares)
 - # of DEC children to receive a physical exam under a CAA pathway (DHS)
 - # of DEC children to receive a developmental assessment under a CAA pathway (DHS)
 - # of DEC children to receive a drug screening under a CAA pathway (DHS)
10. # of people on the Child Abuse Registry due to substantiated substance abuse related DCC allegations alone.
11. # of people on the Child Abuse Registry due to substance abuse related Denial of Critical Care and another founded case of child abuse (i.e. DCC and Sexual Abuse)
12. # of people on the Child Abuse Registry due to substantiated substance abuse related DCC allegations alone who completed substance abuse treatment.